

METHODISTS PICK 3 DELEGATES TO BIG CONFERENCE

Seven Will Attend General Meeting at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

OTHERS ELECTED TODAY

Today's Program at M. E. Conference Held Here

3 p. m.—Annual business meeting and banquet of Ministers' Wives Association, Arch Street Church.

Three of the seven ministerial delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., in May, were elected on the first ballot today at the third day's session of the 129th meeting of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, at St. James' Church, Olney.

The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Boswell, field secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Rev. Dr. Alpha G. Kynett, assistant field secretary of the same body.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Bickley, superintendent of the northern district of the conference.

KEEN CONTENT. Balloting for the delegates aroused enthusiasm among the conference members, both "liberal" and "conservative."

Balloting for the remaining four positions in the conference delegation began at once. Among those most prominently mentioned were the Rev. Dr. G. Bickley Burns, the Rev. Dr. Frank P. Parkin, the Rev. Dr. Charles Wesley Burns and the Rev. Dr. George W. Lear.

CANDIDATES NAMED. Twenty lay candidates nominated were: J. Sidney Felton, J. T. Williams, Cheltenham; George G. Ziegler, William H. Maxwell, Fottstown; Frank H. Freeman, Thomas B. Fort, Jr., Samuel Shaw, W. A. C. Gould, Ardmore; Prof. J. Lincoln Hall, Alexander Simpson, Jr., W. W. Mast, of Coatesville; Charles T. Mullen, John Walton, B. G. Moore, Cyrus D. Foss, Jr., James G. Francis, of Berwyn; Dr. L. W. Munnell, John S. McConnell, William G. Landis, of Lansdowne, and John H. Cranshaw, of Norristown.

FOR CHURCH UNITY. The delegation will go to Saratoga Springs bearing the will of the conference that the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South should "seek a basis of union honorable to both and pleasing to God."

Resolutions were adopted to send flowers to the mother of Bishop Berry, president of the conference, who is 91 years old today. A message of 20 roses will be presented by a committee composed of John Walton, Thomas Fort, Jr., and E. J. Morris. The conference, which was attended by 244 members, was presided over by John S. McConnell, with John G. Francis, of Berwyn, secretary.

LICENSE COURT ATTACKED. The Liquor License Court of this city was condemned by the Rev. E. J. Moore, State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, at St. James', for "ignoring" the remonstrances of Germantown citizens against saloons.

The License Court holds that a license once given is good for all time, except when the holder is guilty of "bad behavior," he said. "The Pennsylvania license law, however, is to the effect that a license is good for one year only. In other words, the law of Pennsylvania says that the people have the right of remonstrance once a year, but the License Court of Philadelphia says to more than 2000 persons of the 22d Ward, 'Your remonstrances shall not be heard, and ignore them and throw them into the waste basket.' It only accentuates the fact that if we are to have freedom from this evil we must take the matter out of the courts and put it into the hands of the people."

PLAN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN. Bishop Berry, the district superintendent, the members of the Board of Education of the conference and the trustees were appointed members of a committee to confer with the Rev. Thomas Nicholson, secretary of the Board of Education, to arrange the proposed educational campaign.

The Rev. Mr. Nicholson advocated greater religious care in the schools and State institutions. There are 7000 graduates in the 42 Methodist Episcopal colleges than there were four years ago, he said.

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LEHIGH VALLEY R. R. SUES TO KEEP BOATS

Asks Permanent Injunction Against Interference With Lake Line

Argument on the application of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for the issuance of a permanent injunction to restrain the Interstate Commerce Commission from enforcing an order requiring the railroad to divest itself of its interest in the Lehigh Valley Transportation Company, its lake line, was begun today before Judge Haffington, McPherson and Woolley in the Federal Court.

The order of the Commission was made under the Panama Canal Act, which prohibited railroads from having interest in water lines, which they may do or may compete for commerce. The order was to have become effective on December 15 last, but the railroad company in an attempt to test the validity of the order ran one of its boats from Buffalo to Chicago. When the Government failed to collect the penalty imposed by the act the railroad instituted the suit. A preliminary injunction was issued February 12 and today was fixed for a final hearing. Whatever the decision, the case is certain to go to the Supreme Court, it is said.

MEAT TODAY ONLY FOR CATHOLICS AT BANQUET

No General Dispensation Is Allowed Here, as in New York

Catholics of Philadelphia, with the exception of those attending the banquet of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in the Bellevue-Stratford tonight, are not exempted today from the strict rule of the Church regarding the eating of meat on Fridays.

There has been no general lifting of the ban in this city, although Catholics in the archdiocese of New York may eat meat today, in accordance with a special dispensation obtained by Cardinal Farley from the Pope. The dispensation applies not only to Catholics of the diocese of New York, but to all Catholics coming into the archdiocese of New York from points outside.

The only Philadelphians to have the special dispensation are those attending the banquet of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick tonight. The required dispensation was granted by the Pope in 1917 for a period of five years.

In discussing the subject, Father W. J. Walsh, secretary to Archbishop Prendergast, said: "This dispensation for the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick banquet expires in 1918—this year—but we hope to have it renewed. In addition to the dispensation also is given for the eating of fish and meat at the same meal. The latter privilege rarely is granted and, of course, applies only to Catholics attending the banquet."

The special privilege obtained by Catholics in New York was granted through what is known as a territorial dispensation, and it is said to be the first time that such dispensation has been obtained in the New York archdiocese for St. Patrick's Day, although it has been granted in former years, as in Philadelphia, for those attending the banquet of the Friendly Sons.

LEAP FROM BURNING FACTORY

Two Men Hurt When Fire Destroys Interior of Building—Fifty Girls Escape

Two men were injured in jumping from windows while another was burned as a result of a fire which destroyed the interior of the factory situated at 1816 East Clearfield street, before noon today, causing a loss of \$20,000. Most of the damage was confined to the third floor, occupied by the Sanitary Specialty Company, where the fire started through an explosion.

Fifty girls, employed by the Copley Textile Manufacturing Company and the Clearfield Textile Company, other occupants of the building, escaped by fleeing from the burning structure.

The men who saved their lives by jumping from the windows are Albert and Joseph Elliott, employed by the Copley concern. The two, who are brothers, were driven back from the stairway by the dense smoke, and jumped panic-stricken into the street. Albert struck a barrel, removed from the factory, and fell, while Joseph, who landed directly into a pile of wood, was injured on the scalp and arms. They were treated at the Episcopal Hospital.

Norman Whittemeyer, manager of the Sanitary Specialty Company, was badly burned on the arms, neck and face. He was on the third floor, missing certain preparations, when they suddenly exploded. Flames spread quickly over the entire floor, and then reached the second and first floors.

The girls, employed by the manufacturing firms occupying the building, were greatly alarmed when they saw the smoke. Firemen had great difficulty in pacifying them. None of the girls was injured.

New Members on Bourse Board Secretary Emil P. Albrecht, of the Bourse, announced today the election of Franklin D'Olier, of the cotton yarn firm of D'Olier & Co., and William W. Van Leer, of the cotton firm of Van Leer & Co., as members of the board of directors of the Bourse. Mr. D'Olier succeeds Walter A. Bailey, who resigned last October, on account of pressure of business duties, while Mr. Van Leer will fill the unexpired term of Antonio Sansom, who died last January.

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J. PARKER NORRIS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Prominent Attorney and Shakespearean Scholar Had Written Several Books

J. Parker Norris, a prominent attorney and widely known as a Shakespearean scholar, is dead today at his home, 2122 Pine street. Mr. Norris, who was 69 years old, had been ill for six months. He had not been in good health for several years.

Mr. Norris was descended from one of the families which figured first in the history of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia. His great-great-grandfather was Isaac Norris, who was closely associated with William Penn in arranging for the Penn's departure from England. This ancestor came to Philadelphia in 1682 and became one of the leading business men of the State.

Mr. Norris himself was keenly interested in history and literature. He was the author of several books dealing with the life and writings of Shakespeare, and collected many remarkable relics and early volumes and folios of the poet's works.

He was born in Philadelphia in 1847, and, after attending private schools here, entered the University of Pennsylvania. In 1873 Mr. Norris became a member of the Philadelphia County bar. He married Isabel Nevins Fry. Mr. Norris was the holder of a part of the Fairhill estate, which was left by his grandfather, Joseph Parker Norris. Another of his properties was Seppia.

His study of Shakespeare led him to the writing of "The Portraits of Shakespeare," which was published in 1885. He assembled valuable information relating to the life of Shakespeare.

Mr. Norris is survived by his wife and by eight children: J. Parker Norris, Jr., Dr. Henry Norris, William Pepper Norris, John Ridgeway Norris, Mrs. Henry Pepper Norris, Dr. Phillip Norris, Mrs. Montgomery H. Biggs and Mrs. Reginald K. Shober.

The funeral services will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Norris home, 2122 Pine street. The Rev. James Nisbet, of Christ Church chapel, Fine street below 20th street, will officiate.

LAWYER HELD FOR COURT

A. J. Wilkinson Accused of Embezzling \$3530.01 From Estate

Alfred J. Wilkinson, an attorney, living at 4828 Walton avenue, was held under \$1000 bail for court by Magistrate Penneck at the Central Station this morning, accused of embezzling \$3530.01, with interest, from the estate of Rufus Kirk, who died in 1911, and of whose estate he was executor. Wilkinson was released from prison only last Friday, where, his counsel informed the court, he had been during the past year on the charge of contempt in having failed to render an accounting of the estate.

Mrs. Anna M. DeHoff, of 48 South 51st street, a daughter of the late Mr. Kirk, testified that she and her co-executors were anxious to receive the money which is still due from the estate. Wilkinson's counsel said his client did not have any money.

24 Hours' Rest for Women Workers Women employed in hotels hereafter must be given 24 hours' continuous leave of absence, according to the ruling of the Industrial Board of the State Department of Labor and industry. This order, however, does not affect short-term summer hotels, where the women may have their 24 hours' rest divided into two periods.

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TWO ARMENIANS FIGHT OVER IRISH FLAG AND BOTH GO TO JAIL

Combat Watched With Impartial Interest by Neutral Crowd Until Arrival of American Policeman

Has an Armenian the right to display an Irish flag? Harry Sarajian thinks he has, but Richard Kafabian disagrees with him.

Sarajian has a warm spot in his heart for the Irish race. Therefore, he had the flag of the Emerald Isle displayed in a prominent place on the counter of his grocery, at 202 North Tenth street.

"Take that flag down," he demanded and showed his teeth to Sarajian. "That flag stays where it is," replied Sarajian to Kafabian.

The two Armenians got closer and their eyes flashed volumes. "You" muttered Kafabian. "You and you," growled Sarajian.

The hood of Kafabian flashed through the air. The next instant the flag was on the floor of the store. Kafabian had one hand raised, but before it could descend the fist of Sarajian landed on his jaw and Kafabian lay beside the flag. But only for an instant. He was up in a flash and landed on Sarajian's neck.

His feet, arms and legs were in a hopeless tangle for many serious moments. Kafabian managed to get the flag between his teeth, but a blow between the eyes caused him to release it.

Both mity out of the room with the flag between them as the home of contention. A neutral crowd looked on and decided to let them settle the argument themselves.

The battle proceeded to the car tracks with Kafabian and Sarajian on top alternately. Black eyes and bruises blinded their vision and each missed fire frequently.

Policeman Archer decided that it was time for the United States to interfere. A few minutes later the antagonists stared at each other in the Hahnemann Hospital. For a few moments they failed to recognize each other. Many yards of court-plaster and bandages eased their feelings somewhat, and both were taken before Magistrate Tracy, who has friendly feeling for the Irish race.

The prisoners testified at the same time, and no interpreter could have followed their endless testimony.

When Policeman Archer told the Judge that they had the Irish flag out in the middle of the street, that was enough. "One is as bad as the other," he declared. "When a man puts up an Irish flag," he said to Sarajian, "he ought to see to it that it was not desecrated and be able to back up his sentiment." Then he paused as he looked at the scars of battle. "Ten days," he said, finally.

The men were placed in cells which were some distance apart. A friend told Sarajian, as he was entering cell, that the flag had been placed with the back on the counter of his store. And Sarajian smiled.

WIFE, EX-CHORUS GIRL, BEATS 'HUBBY' IN CLUB Woman Who Claimed to Be Lucky Baldwin's Daughter Assails Baron

NEW YORK, March 17.—Mrs. Beatrice Anita Baldwin Turnbull Patterson, who asserted, with financially unsuccessful results, that she was the daughter of Lucky Baldwin, the California turfman, was arrested yesterday on the charge of her husband that she assaulted him last Friday night in the New York Athletic Club in the presence of members and employes.

This offense, her husband, Andrew Vincent Patterson—created a Baron in Portugal—declared, was but one of many similar assaults of which she had made him the victim in the athletic club.

On her arraignment before Magistrate Levy, in the West Side Court late yesterday afternoon, the young woman—she is 22—said:

"I didn't mean to strike him. Anyway, I didn't hit him hard, and I'm sorry. The trouble is my husband doesn't want me."

Promising to refrain from further athletic activity of this sort she was permitted to go under suspended sentence.

Patterson, who is 42, comes from Ohio. For many years he lived in Portugal, representing the Standard Oil Company. His services as a financial expert were employed by Carlos, King of Portugal, who rewarded his efforts by making Mr. Patterson a baron. Mr. Patterson did not withdraw his allegiance to the United States. When Manuel assumed the throne he further honored Mr. Patterson.

In May, 1915, Mr. Patterson and his wife were legally parted by the Ohio courts. About a month later, on June 7, he married Miss Turnbull at Roxbury, Mass. She had appeared on the musical comedy stage as a chorus girl, and had posed for prominent artists.

King Given Irishmen Medals LONDON, March 17.—King George, Queen Mary and Lord Kitchener took part in the St. Patrick's Day celebration today. The Irish Guards were reviewed by the king, who afterwards conferred eight Distinguished Service Order medals upon members of the regiment.

BOY KILLED AS MOTHER COMES FROM HOSPITAL

Woman's Homecoming a Tragedy When Lad is Crushed by Car

The homecoming of Mrs. Mary Blasberg from a hospital, where she underwent an operation, was made an event of tragedy instead of happiness by the death of her 6-year-old son Manuel, whose head was severed from his body when he was run down by a trolley car.

The boy was killed last night while playing in the street opposite his home at 2018 South 3d street. It was necessary to use jacks to remove the body. The boy's father, Harry Blasberg, worked his way through the crowd which surrounded the car and he fainted when he was told that the victim of the accident was his son. Mrs. Blasberg collapsed when the body of the boy was brought into the house.

The motorman of the car, Lawrence McNally, 3228 Ella street, was held without bail to await the action of the Coroner at a hearing today before Magistrate Baker at the 4th street and Snyder avenue station. The conductor of the car, Thomas Adams, 1235 Ruan street, was discharged.

Road Repair Contracts Awarded Contracts for furnishing bituminous materials for repairing country roads totaling \$44,138 were awarded today by Director Datsman, of the Department of Public Works. The contracts let were as follows: The Barrett Company, \$38,000; Paul J. Snyder and Company, \$16,170, and Atlantic Refining Company, \$4988.

\$400,000 Fire at Perth Amboy PERTH AMBOY, N. J., March 17.—Fanned by a high wind, fire late yesterday destroyed the plant of the Barber Asphalt Company here, causing \$400,000 damage. Six tubs of the Erie and the Lehigh Valley fleets aided in keeping the flames from spreading. Three firemen were overcome by smoke. One hundred tons of felt were destroyed.

Wills of Sarah M. L. Saull and Walter D. Saull Filed The wills of Sarah M. L. Saull and Walter D. Saull, brother and sister, who died last September at Crowborough, Eng., were filed with Register Sheehan today. Both decedents left property in this city valued more than \$50,000.

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Other wills probated were those of Mary C. L. Smith, who died in the Women's Hospital, leaving property valued at \$2500; Walter Sutton, 426 South 54th street, \$4000; Stephen Burns, 1539 North 23d street, \$3025; James Dougherty, 5712 Walnut street, \$2365, and Samuel Shubert, 230 East Norris street, \$2500.

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